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Substitute House Bill No. 6447

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The Committee on General Law reported through REP. TABORSAK of the 109th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RETAIL WINE SELLERS AND WINE-RELATED CLASSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 30-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) A package store permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic
4 liquor not to be consumed on the premises, such sales to be made only
5 in sealed bottles or other containers. The holder of a package store
6 permit may, in accordance with regulations adopted by the
7 Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to the provisions of
8 chapter 54, offer free samples of alcoholic liquor for tasting on the
9 premises, conduct fee-based wine education and tasting classes and
10 demonstrations and conduct tastings or demonstrations provided by a
11 permittee or backer of a package store for a nominal charge to
12 charitable nonprofit organizations. Any offering, tasting, wine
13 education and tasting class or demonstration held on permit premises
14 shall be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted

15 to sell alcoholic liquor under section 30-91. No store operating under a
16 package store permit shall sell any commodity other than alcoholic
17 liquor except that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, such
18 store may sell (1) cigarettes, (2) publications, (3) bar utensils, which
19 shall include, but need not be limited to, corkscrews, beverage
20 strainers, stirrers or other similar items used to consume or related to
21 the consumption of alcoholic liquor, (4) gift packages of alcoholic
22 liquor shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper,
23 which may include a nonalcoholic item in the gift package that may be
24 any item, except food or tobacco products, provided the dollar value of
25 the nonalcoholic items does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic
26 items of the package, (5) nonalcoholic beverages, (6) concentrates used
27 in the preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (7) beer and wine-
28 making kits and products related to beer and wine-making kits, (8) ice
29 in any form, (9) articles of clothing imprinted with advertising related
30 to the alcoholic liquor industry, (10) gift baskets or other containers of
31 alcoholic liquor, (11) multiple packages of alcoholic liquors, as defined
32 in subdivision (3) of section 30-1, provided in all such cases the
33 minimum retail selling price for such alcoholic liquor shall apply, and
34 (12) lottery tickets authorized by the Division of Special Revenue, if
35 licensed as an agent to sell such tickets by said division. A package
36 store permit shall also allow the taking and transmitting of orders for
37 delivery of such merchandise in other states. Notwithstanding any
38 other provision of law, a package store permit shall allow the
39 participation in any lottery ticket promotion or giveaway sponsored by
40 the Division of Special Revenue. The annual fee for a package store
41 permit shall be five hundred dollars plus the sum required by section
42 30-66.

43 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt
44 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, regarding
45 class content and maximum allowable fees a package store permittee
46 may charge for a fee-based wine education and tasting class conducted
47 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

48 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) A grocery store beer permit may be granted to any grocery

49 store and shall allow the retail sale of beer in standard size containers
50 not to be consumed on the premises. A holder of a grocery store beer
51 permit shall post in a prominent location adjacent to the beer display,
52 the retail price for each brand of beer and said retail price shall include
53 all applicable federal and state taxes including the applicable state
54 sales taxes. The annual fee for a grocery store beer permit shall be one
55 hundred sixty dollars plus the sum required by section 30-66.

56 [(c)] (d) "Grocery store" means any store commonly known as a
57 supermarket, food store, grocery store or delicatessen, primarily
58 engaged in the retail sale of all sorts of canned goods and dry goods
59 such as tea, coffee, spices, sugar and flour, either packaged or in bulk,
60 with or without fresh fruits and vegetables, and with or without fresh,
61 smoked and prepared meats, fish and poultry, except that no store
62 primarily engaged in the retail sale of seafood, fruits and vegetables,
63 candy, nuts and confectioneries, dairy products, bakery products or
64 eggs and poultry shall be included in the definition of "grocery store".

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	30-20

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is no fiacial impact to the Department of Consumer Protection in allowing package store permit holders to conduct wine education and tasting classes for a fee as the practice would fall under the existing permit.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6447*****AN ACT CONCERNING RETAIL WINE SELLERS AND WINE-RELATED CLASSES.*****SUMMARY:**

Current law allows package store permit holders, during the hours they are allowed to sell alcohol, to (1) offer free samples of alcoholic liquor for on-premise tasting and (2) conduct tastings and demonstrations for a nominal charge on behalf of a charitable, nonprofit organization.

This bill allows them to also conduct wine education and tasting classes for a fee during such hours.

The bill requires the consumer protection commissioner to adopt regulations on the class content and maximum allowable fees a package store may charge for the classes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/10/2011)